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Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, hearing to review USDA organization and program administration, Part II, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing entitled "Oversight of Federal Facility Cleanup under CERCLA" (continued), 4 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on the "North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015"; and H.R. 702, to adapt to changing crude oil market conditions, 5 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 348, the "RAPID Act"; H.R. 758, the "Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2015"; H.R. 3134, the "Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015"; and H.R. 3504, the "Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act", 7 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 16 through September 18, 2015

Senate Chamber

On *Wednesday*, at approximately 11 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of H.J. Res. 61, Hire More Heroes Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: September 17, business meeting to consider H.R. 2051, to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to extend the livestock mandatory price reporting requirements, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: September 16, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the Food and Drug Administration's efforts to ensure the safety of the food supply and protect American consumers, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: September 16, to hold hearings to examine United States military operations to counter the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217, following the open session, 10 a.m., SD-106.

September 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine maritime security strategy in the Asia-Pacific region, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 17, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Adam J. Szubin, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes, Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 17, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Sarah Elizabeth Feinberg, of West Virginia, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, 9:45 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: September 17, to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of and potential reforms to the Federal Land Recreation Enhancement Act, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: September 16, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the cause, response, and impacts of EPA's Gold King Mine spill, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: September 16, to hold hearings to examine the United States role and strategy in the Middle East, focusing on Syria, Iraq, and the fight against ISIS, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

September 17, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on State Department processes in establishing tier rankings for the 2015 trafficking in persons report, 11:30 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: September 16, to hold hearings to examine achieving the

promise of health information technology, focusing on improving care through patient access to their records, 10 a.m., SD-430.

September 17, Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security, to hold hearings to examine bio-similar implementation, focusing on a progress report from FDA, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: September 16, to hold hearings to examine regulatory reform proposals, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: September 16, to hold an oversight hearing to examine EPA's Gold King Mine disaster, focusing on the harmful impacts to Indian country, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: September 16, to hold hearings to examine reforming the Electronic Communications Privacy Act, 10:15 a.m., SD-226.

September 17, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1814, to withhold certain Federal funding from sanctuary cities, S. 32, to provide the Department of Justice with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity, and the nominations of John Michael Vazquez, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Wilhelmina Marie Wright, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, and Paula Xinis, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, 10:15 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: September 16, to hold hearings to examine S. 290, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the accountability of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 563, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the Physician Ambassadors Helping Veterans program to seek to employ physicians at the Department of Veterans Affairs on a without compensation basis in practice areas and specialties with staffing shortages and long appointment waiting times, S. 564, to amend title 38, United States Code, to include licensed hearing aid specialists as eligible for appointment in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 1450, to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to modify the hours of employment of physicians and physician assistants employed on a full-time basis by the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 1451, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to adjudicate and pay survivor's benefits without requiring the filing of a formal claim, S. 1460, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program to cover recipients of the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship, S. 1693, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for reimbursement for emergency medical treatment to certain veterans that were unable to receive care from the Department of Veterans Affairs in the 24-month period preceding the furnishing of such emergency treatment, S. 1856, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for suspension and removal of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and to improve accountability of employees of the Department,

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Select Committee on Intelligence: September 17, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Energy and Commerce, September 17, Full Committee, markup on the "North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015"; and H.R. 702, to adapt to changing crude oil market conditions (continued), 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 17, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Protecting Infants: Ending Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Providers Who Violate the Law", 3 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 18, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Improving the Medicaid Program for Beneficiaries", 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, September 17, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Dodd-Frank Act Five Years Later: Are We More Free?", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 17, Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled "Strengthening U.S. Leadership in a Turbulent Global Economy", 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, September 17, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, markup on H. Res. 277, honoring the Tunisian People for their democratic transition; and H. Res. 293, expressing concern over anti-Israel and anti-Semitic incitement within the Palestinian Authority; and hearing entitled "Major Beneficiaries of the Iran Deal: IRGC and Hezbollah", 1:45 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 17, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled "Challenges to Religious Freedom in the Americas", 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, September 17, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies, markup on H.R. 3490, the "Strengthening State and Local Cyber Crime Fighting Act"; H.R. 3493, the "Securing the Cities Act of 2015"; the "Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity Strategy Act of 2015"; and Committee Print of the "DHS Science and Technology Reform and Improvements Act of 2015", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

September 17, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, markup on H.R. 3350, the "Know the CBRN Terrorism Threats to Transportation Act"; H.R. 3361, the "Department of Homeland Security Insider Threat and Mitigation Act of 2015"; H.R. 3503, the "Department of Homeland Security Support to Fusion Centers Act of 2015"; a bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to improve the management and administration of the security clearance processes throughout the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; and Committee Print of the "Fusion Center Enhancement Act of 2015", 1 p.m., 311 Cannon.

September 17, Subcommittee on Transportation Security; and Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, joint hearing entitled “Safeguarding our Nation’s Surface Transportation Systems Against Evolving Terrorist Threats”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

September 18, Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency, hearing entitled “Making DHS More Efficient: Industry Recommendations to Improve Homeland Security”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, September 17, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1428, the “Judicial Redress Act of 2015”; H.R. 1755, to amend title 36, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the congressional charter of the Disabled American Veterans; and H.R. 3449, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend honorary citizenship to otherwise qualified non-citizens who enlisted in the Philippines and died while serving on active duty with the United States Armed Forces during certain periods of hostilities, and for other purposes, 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, September 17, Full Committee; and the House Committee on Natural Resources, joint hearing entitled, “EPA’s Animas Spill”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

September 17, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Federal Air Marshal Service: Oversight”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, September 18, Subcommittee on Research and Technology; and Subcommittee on Oversight, joint hearing entitled “NEON Warning Signs: Examining the Management of the National Ecological Observatory Network”, 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, September 17, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access, hearing entitled “Financing Main Street: How Dodd-Frank is Crippling Small Lenders and Access to Capital”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, September 17, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3106, the “Construction Reform Act of 2015”; H.R. 3016, the “VA Provider Equity Act”; H.R. 677, the “American Heroes COLA Act of 2015”; H.R. 1338, the “Dignified Interment of Our Veterans Act of 2015”; H.R. 1384, the “Honor America’s Guard-Reserve Retirees Act”; H.R. 2360, the “Career-Ready Student Veterans Act”; and H.R. 2915, the “Female Veteran Suicide Prevention Act”, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, September 17, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2061, the “EACH Act”; H.R. 1270, the “Restoring Access to Medication Act of 2015”; H.R. 2940, the “Educator Tax Relief Act of 2015”; H.R. 765, the “Restaurant and Retail Jobs and Growth Act”; H.R. 2510, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and make permanent bonus depreciation; H.R. 961, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the subpart F exemption for active financing income; and H.R. 1430, the “Permanent CFC Look-Through Act of 2015”, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, September 18, Subcommittee on Department of Defense Intelligence and Overhead Architecture, hearing on the Defense Intelligence Agency and the Defense Clandestine Service, 9 a.m., HVC-304.